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NDP Kelowna-Mission candidate Dayleen Van Ryswyk has resigned due to comments she made regarding First Nations in a 2009 blog post. FACEBOOK.COM

NDP candidate resigns over First Nations remarks

Dayleen Van Ryswyk. Online posting complained about having to financially support aboriginals

Just two hours after the B.C. election officially kicked off, an NDP candidate was forced to resign over "hateful" online comments about First Nations.

Kelowna-Mission candidate Dayleen Van Ryswyk was asked to step down by NDP Leader Adrian Dix after Liberals sent a news release minutes before the writ dropped, demanding he fire her for 2009 comments on an Okanagan blog discussion forum titled "Strip Them of the Status Card."

Dix deemed the comments "unacceptable" and admitted a mistake had been made in the party's candidate-vetting process.

But NDP officials said the scandal didn't knock them off their game and insisted they still had a "very good first day."

"Obviously this one slipped through the cracks, but the election is about big issues, important issues," an NDP official said.

A new NDP candidate for the riding, which the Liberals easily won in the past three elections, will be announced shortly.

Van Ryswyk could not be reached for comment, but the post written by user Dayleen states: "It's not the status cards, it's the fact that we have been paying out of the nose for generations for something that isn't our doing. If their ancestors sold out too cheap, it's not my fault and I shouldn't have to be paying for any mistake or whatever you want to call it from MY hard earned money."

Despite the NDP's claims it was off to a good start, Dix was questioned about the scandal at multiple campaign stops, including one in Premier Christy Clark's Vancouver-Point Grey riding.

Meanwhile, Clark launched her campaign with a Victoria rally where she called the vote the "most important election in modern history."

She said voters have a choice between controlling spending and lowering debt or higher taxes and bigger debt and government. EMILY JACKSON/METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Appeal Court

One-day sentence upped to two years for drunk driver

The B.C. Court of Appeal has allowed a Crown appeal of a one-day sentence, increasing it to two years less a day for a drunk driver who killed a motorcyclist on Canada Day 2011.

Tracy Smith pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing the death of motorcyclist Janarthan Mahenthiran, 47.

Smith was drunk and had been smoking crack when she got into an argument at the Goldstream Provincial Park campsite on Vancouver Island, where she was living.

She left the campsite in an agitated state in her vehicle, got onto the Trans-Canada Highway and crossed the centre line, hitting Mahenthiran head-on.

She tried blaming the victim for causing the accident and was uncooperative with police and later with medical staff at the hospital, where she tried to kick, spit on and scratch staff.

Smith, 37, a mother of three children who had a life marred by sexual and physical abuse, as well as alcohol and drug addiction, immediately entered a treatment program after the fatal accident.

She had been sober for about 15 months at the time of sentencing.

At sentencing, Victoria provincial court Judge Robert Higinbotham lamented the fact that he could no longer impose a conditional sentence, as Parliament had removed that sentencing option in 2007, so instead imposed a one-day jail sentence, followed by three years of probation.

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Billie Flynn, Canadian chief test pilot for embattled defence giant Lockheed Martin, demonstrates an F-35 flight simulation in Vancouver.
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Lockheed Martin pitches the F-35

Vancouver. At least four B.C. businesses could benefit from purchases, resulting in new jobs for the Lower Mainland

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Defence-industry magnates descended on Vancouver Tuesday to deliver their sales pitches for why Canadians should spend $45.8 billion over 42 years on a high-tech, untested fleet of stealth F-35 fighter jets.

Armed with slick demo videos, a cockpit simulator and enthusiastic Canadian chief test pilot Billie Flynn, Lockheed Martin's director of business development, David Scott, stressed that prices are plummeting as the scale of production revs up.

"There's a lot of opinions on the F-35. If you read the media, read the Internet, you'll see a huge variety of people speaking their perspective on it, but the people who really matter are the key decision makers," he told a handful of stakeholders and reporters.

"We now have eight countries under contract to buy the airplane. The first two international airplanes were delivered last year, starting in July, to England."

Background

The federal government is currently reviewing all of its options for replacing Canada's aging fleet of CF-18s, set to retire in 2020, after the auditor general accused the Tories of hiding $10 billion in estimated costs of the F-35s on the 2011 campaign trail.

The U.S. is far and away the defence giant's largest client, with more than 1,700 planes currently on order.

Worldwide, 4,000 have been ordered, but operational testing is not expected to begin until 2016.

Four B.C. businesses stand to benefit from deals with the Maryland-based contractor, and their representatives said the project has already created 100 jobs in the Lower Mainland. They added that, with increased international buy-in, that number could rise to 230 or more.

Operating expenses make up the lion's share of projected life-cycle costs for the F-35s, at nearly $37 billion, versus $9 billion for the 65 jets themselves.

Boeing is touting its slightly less stealthy Super Hornet as an affordable alternative, which the company told CBC could be operated for half the cost of the F-35s.

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45K and counting. Sun Run sees registration boom in wake of Boston bombings

Registration for this weekend's Vancouver Sun Run, Canada's largest 10-kilometre road race that draws tens of thousands of participants, has been bolstered by the Boston Marathon bombings as runners refuse to be deterred by the tragedy.

Sun Run chief organizer Jamie Pitblado said Tuesday that registration has increased in wake of the two bombings that killed three people and injured more than 170 others near the Boston Marathon finish line.

Pitblado said registration for the 10-kilometre event has already surpassed 45,000 runners, and the number is expected to continue to climb. In recent years, the event has averaged 49,000 participants, but Pitblado said he would "never underestimate the power of the human spirit to get out and show support for Boston."

The event's participation record was just over 59,000 in 2008. Pitblado does not expect the record to be challenged, but said organizers will have to consider opening up the event to more than 50,000 entrants if there is a rush on registration.

"We've been completely overwhelmed by what is happening in the response from runners," Pitblado said. "Our registration in the last day and a half has picked up.

"I think people are talking about it in the social-media circles, that the best way to show their support for what happened in Boston is to get out and participate in the Sun Run. We're just humbled that the community has reacted to this in such a positive way."

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Red Scorpions gang targeted. UN gangster pleads to conspiracy, manslaughter

A senior member of the United Nations gang has pleaded guilty to conspiring to murder the Bacon brothers, the infamous leaders of a rival gang.

Daniel Russell, 32, also pleaded guilty Tuesday in B.C. Supreme Court to a charge of manslaughter for a fatal shooting in 2008.

He will be sentenced Friday at 10 a.m. by Associate Chief Justice Austin Cullen, who imposed a sweeping publication ban on the sentencing hearing.

Prosecutor Ralph Keefer and defence lawyer Len Doust made a joint submission on what sentence should be imposed, but it cannot be reported.

2008 murder

Daniel Russell also admitted to manslaughter for his role in the fatal shooting of Jonathan Barber on May 9, 2008. The murder was a case of mistaken identity.

Russell, who has been in custody since his arrest in 2009, admitted in his plea that he conspired between Jan. 1, 2008, and Feb. 17, 2009, to kill rivals Jonathan Bacon, James Bacon and Jarrod Bacon and their Red Scorpions gang associates.

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Tracey Morrison is hopeful the new addiction training program at Vancouver's St. Paul's Hospital will help treatment of drug users like herself.

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Vancouver's new addiction medicine training program gets U.S. accreditation

Treatment. Program at St. Paul's Hospital gets vote of confidence from American Board of Addiction Medicine

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Tracey Morrison has had bad experiences with emergency-room doctors in the past — she's even been kicked out without treatment — but she's hopeful that the new addiction medicine training program at St. Paul's Hospital will make a difference.

"You get judged all the time," said Morrison, a 42-year-old drug user from the Downtown Eastside speaking on behalf of aboriginal people who use drugs. "With these doctors coming down the program there's the possibility it won't happen — they'll know, then you'll get the right treatment."

The program got another vote of confidence Tuesday as it received international accreditation from the American Board of Addiction Medicine, the organization that sets standards for training physicians to practise addiction medicine.

It's the only program in Western Canada to receive such accreditation.

"It's going to go a long way in helping people recognize we're certainly doing something impactful here in B.C.," said Dr. Evan Wood, director of the St. Paul's Hospital Goldcorp Fellowship in Addiction Medicine.

The program, funded by $3 million from Goldcorp, will begin to train 20 physicians in addiction medicine this summer.

Though people have long known that addiction in Vancouver, especially in the Downtown Eastside, can harm public health, lead to new HIV cases or cause death by overdose, Wood said the problem of drug and alcohol addictions has persisted.

He believes part of the reason is that doctors haven't been trained in addiction medicine.

"There's a lot of well-meaning, hardworking physicians that take the time to prescribe methadone, but it's a very complicated area of medicine that requires specialty training," he said. "Now B.C. is on track to become a world leader in treating people with alcohol and drug addiction."

For Morrison, she's simply excited about the promise of doctors that understand how to treat drug use. It will make her less afraid to seek medical help for symptoms that might require different treatment, she said.

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Daughter of victim speaks at ferry trial

Queen of the North. Gerald Foisy, presumed drowned in '06 sinking, described as having 'close, warm' relationship with his girls

When the Queen of the North passenger ferry sank off the coast of northern B.C. seven years ago, Brittni Foisy expected that her father, Gerald, who was travelling on the ship with his common-law wife, would waste no time picking up the phone to let her know he was safe.

He would call his daughters in Penticton several times a week, sometimes on special occasions and sometimes just to say hello. The last such visit was just a week earlier.

But the phone never rang, and before long it became clear that Gerald and his spouse, Shirley Rosette, were missing.

"(Our relationship was) very close, warm, and he told both my sister and I on a number of occasions that we were his world and he would do anything for us," Brittni, 22, told a B.C. Supreme Court jury on Tuesday at the criminal-negligence trial of navigating officer Karl Lilgert.

Gerald Foisy and Rosette haven't been seen since the Queen of the North struck an island and sank in the early hours of March 22, 2006. They were presumed drowned.

A bad feeling inside

"I was shocked when I hadn't heard from him right after the accident. I knew something was wrong."

Brittni Foisy, recalling the hours after the sinking

Lilgert's trial began in January, but until now the proceedings have mostly focused on the first-hand accounts of survivors and on Lilgert's actions, not the lives of the two missing passengers.

Tuesday's testimony marked the first time either of the Foisy daughters have spoken publicly about their father as the Crown attempts to prove beyond a doubt that the couple did, in fact, die that night.

She recalled Gerald's final visit to his daughters a week before the sinking, when he travelled to Penticton with his brother and Rosette. They stayed in a local hotel, where Brittni and her sister Morgan visited them and played in the pool. During their week-long visit, they shared meals, went for walks and went go-karting, Brittni said.

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Steaming mad about Maduro

Protesters gather outside the Venezuelan Consulate in downtown Vancouver calling for a recount of votes from the country's presidential election on Tuesday. Venezuelans themselves took to the streets after Nicolas Maduro, the late president Hugo Chavez's hand-picked successor, narrowly won the election. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Halloween murder

Trial set for accused Van Diest killer

A man accused of killing 18-year-old Taylor Van Diest of Armstrong on Halloween night of 2011 will be tried in Kelowna starting March 3, 2014. Matthew Foerster, 27, is charged with first-degree murder. His father, Stephen, is charged with obstruction and being an accessory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wrong number

Man charged in phone thefts

A Burnaby man faces theft charges after a spate of cellphone robberies during which police say a man would ask to borrow a stranger's phone and then abscond with it. Burnaby RCMP nabbed Joshua Speight, 21, after a stolen phone was tracked.

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Nursing news

RNs and practicals join together

B.C.'s two major nursing groups are now under a single negotiating umbrella. The health ministry says a new law allows licensed practical nurses to bargain with members of the B.C. Nurses Union and be covered by the same contract.

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Helicopter accident

Coroner identifies crash victim

An American man was killed in a helicopter crash on the B.C. coast on Saturday. The B.C. Coroners Service says Michael Kent Monson, 51, of Selah, Wash., was among six people on a heli-fishing trip when the crash occurred.

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Three dead

Identifying the victims

An eight-year-old boy and a 29-year-old woman have been identified as two of the three casualties of the bombing.

Martin Richard

Martin Richard, a Grade 3 student from the Boston suburb of Dorchester, was with his parents Bill and Denise, his younger sister Jane, a Grade 1 student, and older brother Henry. Jane lost a leg to the attack, Congressman Stephen Lynch told Torstar News Service. Denise suffered severe head injuries, he said.

Police have closed off several city blocks around the Richard family home.

Krystle Campbell

Also identified on Tuesday was Krystle Campbell, of Medford, Mass., who worked at a restaurant in nearby Arlington. She was at the marathon with her father and her best friend.

William Campbell said his daughter was a "very caring, very loving person and was daddy's little girl." He said her friend was seriously injured.

Boston University said in a statement that a graduate student was the third victim, but held the name pending permission from the family.

The Chinese Consulate in New York said a Chinese national was the third person killed and that another was injured. Official news agency Xinhua reported that relatives have requested that the deceased not be identified.

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A family goes to leave flowers in front of the home of eight-year-old Martin Richard, who was killed in the attack. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Bombs likely made of pressure cookers: FBI

Boston Marathon. Such devices are often used abroad, and guides are available online

The bombs that ripped through the Boston Marathon crowd appear to have been fashioned out of ordinary pressure cookers, packed with shrapnel and then hidden in duffel bags, investigators said Tuesday.

Scores of victims remained in Boston hospitals, many with grievous injuries, a day after the twin explosions killed three people, wounded more than 170 and reawakened fears of terrorism in the U.S.

A nine-year-old girl and 10-year-old boy were among 17 victims listed in critical condition.

At a news conference, FBI agent Richard DesLauriers confirmed that investigators found pieces of black nylon from a bag or backpack and fragments of ball bearings and nails.

He said the range of suspects and motives was "wide open."

FBI agents searched an apartment in the Boston suburb of Revere. According to one law enforcement official, the tenant had been tackled as he ran from the scene of the explosions. But the man may simply have been fleeing from danger, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pressure-cooker explosives have been used in Afghanistan, India, Nepal and Pakistan, according to a 2010 report by the FBI and Homeland Security. One of the devices used in the May 2010 Times Square attempted bombing was a pressure cooker, the report said.

Such devices have been recommended for lone-wolf operatives by al-Qaida. But guides on the bombs are readily found online, and officials said Americans should not rush to link the attack to overseas terrorists.

Investigators said they have not yet determined what was used to set off the explosives.

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Horrific consequences

"It wasn't a hard decision to (amputate)..... We just completed the ugly job that the bomb did."

Dr. George Velmahos, chief of trauma surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, where four leg amputations were performed

International fears

Securing the London run

Officials expect over 500,000 to go. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security will be increased Sunday for the London Marathon, with police confirming that plans are "under review."

Senior government officials met with police and intelligence chiefs Tuesday to develop a strategy, working closely with the FBI and U.S. police.

It will be the latest in a string of major operations, including Margaret Thatcher's funeral on Wednesday, the Olympics, the Royal Wedding and the Jubilee.

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'Massive'. Quake in Pakistan and Iran kills dozens

An earthquake toppled homes on both sides of the Iran-Pakistan border Tuesday, killing dozens of people and causing skyscrapers to sway in Dubai.

It also forced Iranian officials — for the second time in less than a week — to assure the world that its main nuclear reactor wasn't damaged.

At least 34 people were killed in a single village in Pakistan, a military official said. Iran issued conflicting reports; its state-run Press TV called the quake 'massive' and cited 40 deaths before retracting that number. Other outlets mentioned no deaths.

The apparent backtracking in the Iranian reports could not be immediately explained, but authorities could be seeking to downplay casualties. The Tehran Geophysics Center said the quake measured at least magnitude 7.7, the strongest in more than 50 years.

Iran's nuclear chief Fereidoun Abbasi said there was no damage to the Bushehr reactor and invited UN inspectors to visit, twhe semiofficial ISNA news agency reported. Abbasi repeated the statement issued after last week's quake: the Bushehr reactor was built to withstand quakes up to magnitude 8.

On the Pakistani side, a military official said another 80 people were injured. Up to 1,000 mud homes were damaged, Pakistan Television added.

A Pakistani policeman, Azmatullah Regi, said nearly three dozen homes and shops collapsed in one village in the Mashkel area, which was the hardest hit by the quake. Rescue workers pulled the bodies of a couple and their three children, ages five to 15, from the rubble of one house, he said.

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Alleged G20 hooligan surrenders to Toronto police

Toronto police have charged a 27-year-old New York City man with 26 offences arising from the G20 Summit in Toronto in June 2010.

Investigators say Joel Saleem Bitar returned to Canada from the United States voluntarily and surrendered to police on Tuesday.

Bitar — who was wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for G20-related offences — is being held in custody pending a court appearance on Wednesday.

Police allege Bitar used a hammer to smash the windows of a police car while an officer was inside the vehicle and vandalized windows of numerous downtown banks and shops.

He's also alleged to have thrown a rock at a line of police officers and smashed the window of a police minivan, causing property damage totalling more than $400,000.

Bitar faces charges including 13 counts of mischief over $5,000, two counts of intimidation of a justice system participant by violence and five counts of mischief endangering life. THE CANADIAN PRESS

G20 calamity

Dozens of protesters — many wearing disguises — went on a rampage through downtown Toronto during the international summit.

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Beg pardon ... what do these words mean?

Urban slang on the witness stand. Some mysterious terms trip up the court in alleged teen pimping case

GRAHAM LANKTREE
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Shawty, M.O.B., ballin' and racked up.

These were some of the street slang words defence lawyers sought to clarify in an Ottawa court Tuesday — with the aid of Urban Dictionary.

The court was hearing the case of three teenage girls accused of pimping out even younger kids through social media.

"There's nothing scientific about how words become defined on Urban Dictionary," said lawyer Trevor Brown, who is on the defence team for the three girls who were 15, 15 and 16 when they allegedly pimped out four girls and beat, stripped and photographed two others last year.

Brown said a definition for one word had been penned by user SirMonkeybutt10 and that generally users submit words and definitions to the dictionary that are then voted on.

"You can click on a word and see how many definitions there are," he said, attempting to show that tweets the girls allegedly sent out to organize meetings with johns or trumpet their exploits could have dual meanings.

And the term M.O.B.?

"The only way that I have ever seen it explained by youth is 'money over bitches,'" Det. Carolyn Botting said.

"It's only ever meant in prostitution investigations that the money is more important and the women can be discarded."

Quoted

"The money comes first at all costs."

Det. Carolyn Botting, attempting to explain the term M.O.B.

Tunisia tumult. Woman says topless protest led to drugging, virginity test

The woman who scandalized Tunisia by posting topless photos of herself as a form of feminist protest says she was drugged and given virginity tests by relatives.

"Two old women of my family checked to see if I was virgin or not. That was horrible and against my freedom," Amina Tyler says in a video.

"They took me to the kitchen, and said take off my clothes and we will see if you are virgin."

Tyler added that her family is now searching for her. She is now trying to leave the country, her former lawyer said Tuesday.

Tyler, 19, shocked the Muslim nation when she posted Facebook photos with the words "My body belongs to me" scrawled across her naked chest.

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Activists support Amina Tyler by protesting at the Tunisian consulate in Milan on April 4. ANTONIO CALANNI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New scanners

Feds won't allow airport peekaboo

The federal government is changing the software on full-body scanners at airports so they no longer produce a complete outline of a traveller's body.

Transport Canada says the new technology will increase privacy while still ensuring security.

There now are 52 scanners installed at airports.

They work by beaming low-level radio frequency energy over and around the passenger's body.

Instead of a silhouette of a person's physique, the new software will produce a stick figure on the scanner's screen and identify areas of the body where objects might be concealed under clothing.

Transport Canada says the scans can identify anomalies on a passenger, including metals and non-metals of all shapes and sizes; ceramic-type threats such as knives and other sharp instruments; as well as liquids and explosives.

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Planting trees in Addis Ababa to save the rest of us: the impoverished city has turned itself into a climate change adaptation pioneer. GLYN RILEY/METRO WORLD NEWS

Ethiopia fights back against climate change

Addis Ababa. Higher temperatures are tough on the economy, so local government has devised a plan of defence

"Climate change is not a secondary issue for us, it's the primary one!" exclaims Haileselassie Sebehatu Hailu, manager of Addis Ababa's Environmental Protection Agency, as we meet in one of the municipal offices.

Even though Addis is located at a high altitude, temperatures are rising. Indeed, Ethiopia, a desperately poor nation, is one of the countries worst affected by climate change.

To fight climate change doom the government has focused on getting Ethiopians to go green.

Collecting and reducing waste is seen as key, says Haileselassie (Ethiopians go by their first names). The government is teaching farmers irrigation horticulture, which makes them less dependent on rain.

"Despite our small road coverage, we have a huge number of cars and buses, and they pollute", says Haileselassie. "So we're building a rapid bus and light-rail system, (to) be finished in five years."

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Available on Google Play

Facebook Home comes to Canada

Facebook users in Canada and around the world were able to download the new Facebook Home app via the Google Play store as of Tuesday, the company said. Facebook also updated its iPhone and iPad applications to let people keep using its chat feature even when they are doing other things. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JUST SAYIN'

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Have you ever "borrowed" anything from a hotel room?

A nice fluffy bathrobe? A copy of Where Saskatoon? A souvenir hanger from the Hanoi Hilton?

Be honest, now. A recent Hotels.com survey reveals that Canadians are among the most thieving hotel guests in the world, ranking 22nd of 29 on the honesty scale.

Kanadian kleptomaniacs are particularly partial to "magazines and books," while Americans, who are slightly less honest, can't help stuffing the spare towels and pillow slips into their luggage.

Of course, Scandinavians from Denmark and Norway are the most honest when they are on the road and no one is watching, ranking first and third respectively. Is there anything these people don't do better than us?

I'm not sure what this means, but travellers from Quebec are significantly more honest than the rest of Canadians, at least when it comes to leaving stuff in hotel rooms where it belongs. Vive le Québécois honnêtes!

But look, this is not as clear-cut as the survey would make it. Some thefts, such as brand new coffee makers and mugs, hair dryers, and (for shame) the Bible, are obvious high crimes, while some are misdemeanours.

You have to wonder about "magazines and books." Am I the only one who was under what now appears to be the mistaken impression that if it has a hard cover it stays in the room, but magazines were meant to go along on excursions, providing portable, up-to-date information about gallery openings and ptomaine-free restaurants?

Then there are the toiletries seductively arrayed on the bathroom counter: shampoo, conditioner, hand cream, body wash, and mouth wash. What's the etiquette honnête? Maybe Canadians, unlike those healthy, clear-thinking, progressive, (probably lying) Scandinavians, are just confused.

One easy way to deal with this is to imagine how you'd feel if your own house guests routinely walked off with the soap, the soap dish, and the toothpaste, not to mention the art work, clock radio, towels and washcloths and bathrobes, all items regularly pilfered from hotel rooms.

You'd be fâché, for sure.

It's just good policy to leave the goodies, no matter how irresistible, where you found them. And now it's for a good cause. Many hotels are participating in a program called Clean the World, which sends leftover toiletries to developing nations.

I can't believe I just typed that sentence. The Global South may go to bed hungry, but at least it will go to bed smelling good. And you, honest Canadian, you did that.

Anyway: mitts off, and we hope you enjoy your stay.

ZOOM

Impersonating a legend

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Little Tramps mark Chaplin's birthday

Young supporters of the Charlie Circle, a Charlie Chaplin fan-club, participate in an annual parade to celebrate the birthday of Charlie Chaplin in Adipur, Gujarat state, India, Tuesday.

Canes in hand and bowler hats firmly in place, dozens of Chaplin impersonators tramped through the streets of this small port town to celebrate the legendary comic actor and filmmaker.

Chaplin has an odd resonance in this industrial town. Surrounded by salt flats bordering the Thar desert, Adipur's only claim to fame is the annual parade — now in its 40th year — to honour the silent era actor.

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Skipping work for Chaplin flicks costs fan his job

"I watched all three shows of the film that day. The next day I was sacked from my job for taking the day off without informing the office ... I lost my job, but I discovered Charlie Chaplin, and I've stayed his fan ever since."

Ashok Aswani, founder of Charlie Circle, a club that has been celebrating Chaplin's birthday since 1973, recalling that he was on his way to work when he saw a poster of Charlie Chaplin dressed as a tramp at the local movie hall.

He decided to skip work that day, which he was fired for, but has stayed a Chaplin fan ever since. "Every Chaplin film has a message for the common man. It's a message that has relevance even today."

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While Vine remains a few features short of ubiquity, Twitter's six-second video app is still home to a nice assortment of artsy, funny and just plain weird auteurs. Follow these accounts on Twitter for the freshest goods from great users.

@yelldesign:
Ever wondered what a potato rainstorm would look like? Or if corn could grow from paper? Of course you haven't. But Matt Willis has, and he uses Vines to make such imagined food feats come to life.

@keelayjams:
Your one-stop shop for thoughtful explorations on how much fun can be had with parachuting pizza, ceiling fan selfies and cardboard cutouts of Sex and the City characters.

@jamesurbaniak:
You don't even have to wait for new material. The very funny actor-slash-Venture Brothers voice has a truckload of cleverly-crafted and hilarious skits to wade through.

Comments

RE: Global Warming: When It's Hot, We're Believers, But in the Cold We're Skeptics

"Anyone who believes that we aren't facing a climate crisis is either blind, ignorant, or doesn't care."

Another byproduct of our educational (indoctrination) system.

Wilbert Robichaud posted to metronews.ca

It seems to be more a trend of the planet. How many ice ages have there been? How many warming periods? Typically the people I see arguing about this are either ignorant on the subject, toting whatever Al Gore or that which other carbon interests have provided, as well as the scientists who may be endeavouring for career advancement, championed as saviours of our planet. It's completely reasonable to suggest that our activities are impacting the rate in which this occurs, but to say it's all us is crazy at best. The biggest issue faced is breathing quality and potential impact of pollutants in food and water. **Jerry Teeple posted to metronews.ca**

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Tom Cruise stars in Oblivion, opening this weekend. HANDOUT

Hollywood's varied take on the end of the world

Movies. From serious to silly, an assortment of movies explore earth's final days

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It seems 2013 is the year Hollywood took Stephen Hawking, the world's leading theoretical physicist, to heart. "The human race shouldn't have all its eggs in one basket, or on one planet," he says, suggesting that if we don't change our ways we "might end up like Venus, at 250 degrees centigrade and raining sulphuric acid."

No fewer than three upcoming movies portray the Earth meeting an untimely end.

After Earth sees Will and Jaden Smith star as a father and son who crash land on Earth after an alien war has left the planet dead and abandoned. A Seth Rogen comedy aptly titled This is the End sees a cast of young A-listers — like Jay Baruchel, James Franco, Paul Rudd and Emma Watson — at a Hollywood party when the world suddenly ends.

This weekend Tom Cruise brings us Oblivion, another story about a scorched Earth, which Cruise's character, a drone maintenance man, discovers the planet might not be completely abandoned.

It's the end of the world as we know it, at least according to Hawking and Hollywood, but it isn't the first time the world has ended, on screen anyway.

Coming a just half a dozen years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Five goes down in the almanac as the first sci-fi nuclear war film. It's set in a world destroyed by nuclear holocaust. The only five Americans to survive include a pregnant woman and her unborn baby, a neo-Nazi, an African-American man and a bank clerk. The story of subsistence and racial intolerance is an influential movie — Roger Corman and several others have borrowed the basic plot line — but its director, Arch Oboler, was a radio producer and the film is as visually interesting as you would guess a movie made by a sound engineer to be.

The Bed Sitting Room is a British take on Five, only with jokes instead of Oboler's earnest message. Starring Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, it's set in a post-nuclear-holocaust London following the Second World War. The war lasted only two minutes and 28 seconds before the bomb was dropped, leaving this strange group of survivors, including a civilian who is next in line for the throne, to explore their devastated city.

So far we've talked about serious and strange end of the world movies, but how about a silly one? That would be Savage Planet, an abandoned Earth movie that sees the planet taken over by giant killer space bears!

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Meet B. Coop's mother

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Bradley Cooper has an interesting roommate — his mother. In the new issue of Details, he admits he's been living with his mother since his father died in 2011.

"Let's face it: It's probably not easy for her, by the way, to be living with her son," he admits. "It's life. And right now, two years after my father's death, this is where we are... But don't get me wrong. It's not without complications. It's not like I live in a compound and she's in the guesthouse. No. She's in the next room."

I used to share an apartment with a guy who was in the room over and I heard everything — and my roommate wasn't nearly as attractive as Bradley Cooper. Let's hope Mama Cooper is a little hard of hearing.

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You've got to be an idiot to do anything that makes the city of Boston mad at you

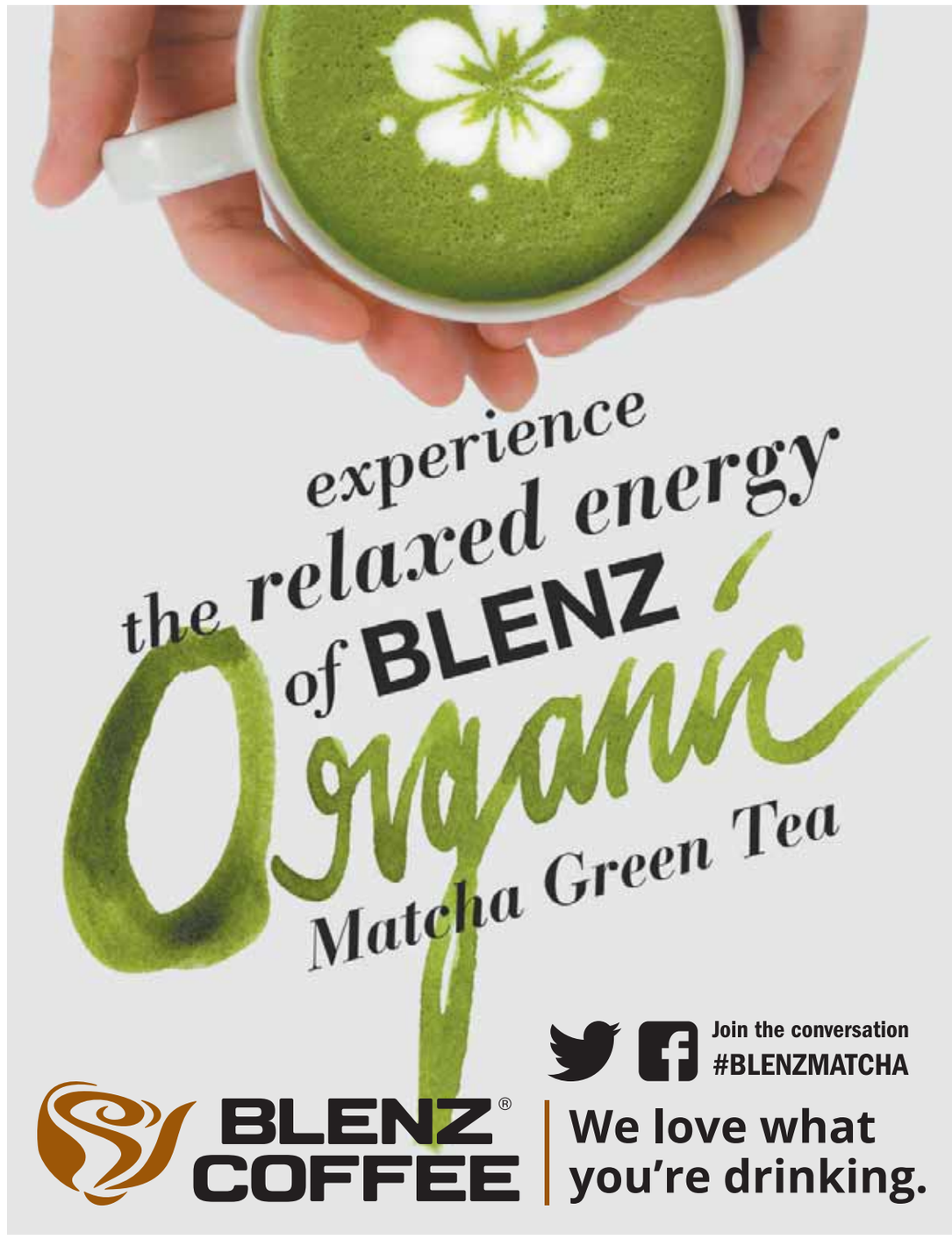
Amanda Seyfried misses her boobs

Not that there's anything wrong with them now, but Les Miserables star Amanda Seyfried says her breasts used to be bigger — and she laments not appreciating her ample bosom more when she was younger. "I saw a picture of them a couple of days ago from when I was 19, and my boobs were way bigger. They were a D, and now they're a small C because I lost weight," she tells Allure magazine. "There was something so beautiful about the size of them. When I look back, I'm like, 'Why did I always give myself such a hard time?' Nobody gave me s— about it except me." But Seyfried admits that even at their current size, her breasts can be a problem. "They do get in the way a lot," she says. "Like I wear a really small, tight sports bra when I go running …

Osbourne: Admits to drugs, not to divorce

Ozzy Osbourne took to Facebook to clear the air about rumours that he and his wife, Sharon, are on the outs — and to make a completely different confession. "For the last year and a half I have been drinking and taking drugs," Ozzy wrote. "I was in a very dark place and was an a—hole to the people I love most, my family. However, I am happy to say that I am now 44 days sober. Just to set the record straight, Sharon and I are not divorcing. I'm just trying to be a better person."

Ozzy Osbourne



Jackie Robinson's Brooklyn

Historic tour. With the movie 42 in theatres, now is the time to traipse the legendary steps of the man who integrated baseball

With the movie 42 bringing the Jackie Robinson story to a new generation, fans young and old may be inspired to visit some of the places in Brooklyn connected to the African-American athlete who integrated Major League Baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

In Coney Island, a statue portrays Robinson and Pee Wee Reese, the white Dodger who stood by him in the face of racist taunts. At the cemetery on the border of Brooklyn and Queens where Robinson is buried, admirers still leave baseballs and other mementos. And for fans who enjoy irony — or who remain bitter about the Dodgers' departure to Los Angeles in 1957 — there's a "No Ball Playing" sign at the housing complex where the Dodgers' storied stadium, Ebbets Field, once stood.

Joseph Dorinson, author of Jackie Robinson: Race, Sports and the American Dream, says it's no accident that the colour barrier was broken by a Brooklyn team. "Jackie made it in Brooklyn, and no other place, because of the multicultural and ethnic diversity here," he said.

Here's a guide to exploring Jackie Robinson's Brooklyn.

Statue

The life-size statue in Coney Island shows Robinson and Reese arm in arm. It's inscribed with the story of how Reese, captain of the Dodgers, "stood by Jackie Robinson against prejudiced fans and fellow players ... silencing the taunts of the crowd" during a game in Cincinnati. The statue is located outside MCU Park, where the minor league Cyclones team plays, at Surf Avenue and West 17th Street, near the last stop on the D, F, N or Q train to Coney Island.

Home and church

Robinson lived in several places in Brooklyn before moving to Queens and later Connecticut with his wife and children. On a tidy block in East Flatbush, a two-story brick house at 5224 Tilden Ave. with a rusting fence and peeling paint bears a plaque that states: "The first African-American major league baseball player lived here from 1947 to 1949." There is an effort to landmark the house.

Robinson and his wife Rachel also lived for a time at 526 MacDonough St. in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Although much of the movie was filmed in the South, some scenes were shot on MacDonough because the filmmakers wanted to show the building's distinctive front stoop, a common feature of Brooklyn homes. The production company used the Nazarene Congregational Church at 506 MacDonough St. for storage and wardrobe while filming, according to Nazarene's pastor, the Rev. Conrad Tillard.

When Robinson first arrived in New York, he lived for a time with Nazarene's then-assistant pastor, the Rev. Lacy Covington and his wife Florence. "Church and faith were central to Jackie Robinson's success," said Tony Carnes, who publishes an online magazine called A Journey Through NYC Religions.

Nazarene was considered a "mink coat church" at the time, Tillard said, with an educated, affluent African-American congregation. Robinson later came back to the church to "make an impassioned speech about the dangers of drugs," Tillard said. Robinson's son, Jack, who'd served in the Vietnam War, was a heroin addict.

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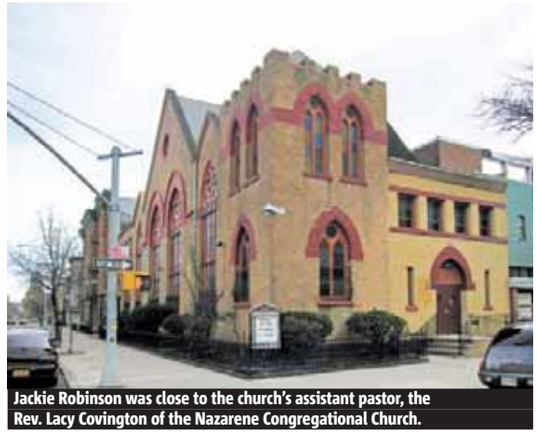
A statue of Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson at MCU Park in Brooklyn. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jackie Robinson was close to the church's assistant pastor, the Rev. Lacy Covington of the Nazarene Congregational Church.

Gravesite

Robinson died in 1972, just a year after his son died in a car accident. They are buried, along with the Covingtons and Robinson's mother-in-law, in Cypress Hills Cemetery. "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives," reads the inscription on Robinson's tombstone. Mementos left by fans at the grave include a bat and baseballs, with one ball bearing a handwritten note thanking Robinson "for being an inspiration, strong and courageous."

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Tips for pet travel

Don't let the cat out of the bag

ON THE MOVE
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Most vets do not recommend flying with your pet unless absolutely necessary.

However, I know first-hand that sometimes you have no choice but to bring your furry family members along for the ride. In order to reduce the stress on them, and you, there are a few things you can do.

Buy a proper travel kennel for air travel. Larger pets make the flight in the plane's baggage compartment and should be in hard-sided kennels with no wire or mesh sections, which would allow a part of the pet to protrude. It should also be leak proof, secure and according to international regulations, big enough to allow the animal to stand up-right, turn around and lie down. For smaller pets that are carried on board, use a proper soft-sided version with air holes.

Feed your animal at least 4 to 6 hours before travelling as a full stomach can cause discomfort. Avoid sedating them and ensure they are well exercised prior to boarding. Label the outside of the kennel with your pet's name and cover the bottom with an absorbent material like a blanket or towel. Leave an empty water dish inside and attached to the door. If the flight is delayed or there is a problem, it will assist the crew in watering your pet. Don't forget to leave the door unlocked.

Happily more hotels are becoming pet friendly, although often that means dogs are welcome but not cats. There are some standard rules and good behaviours to be aware of if you are bunking down with Fido.

Unless the hotel management allows it, make sure your pet is never left alone. While you are in the room, use the Do Not Disturb sign and keep the dead bolt locked. You do not want hotel staff to be surprised or scared when knocking at the door. Be aware that some hotels may levy additional charges or ask for a damage deposit and you may be required to sign a pet waiver upon check in.

Feed your pet well in advance of air travel. ISTOCK

Montreal jazzes up its summer events

City of festivals. In June, July and August there's never a dull moment in Quebec's largest city

Montreal's jazz festival isn't just about the jazz. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Festivals in Montreal are a lot like buses. It seems there's one along every few minutes.

OK, maybe it just seems like that when there are roughly three dozens festivals between now and the fall, with the intensity ratcheting up during the busy — and tourist-driven — summer season.

There's virtually a festival for every taste — music, theatre, arts, even food.

The crown jewels are the world-renowned Montreal International Jazz Festival and the Just For Laughs International Comedy Festival. Both of the hugely popular events are into their third decade and stretch over weeks instead of the days that are offered by most events. The jazz festival is already teasing some of the names that will be on this year's roster, confirming that music legends Aretha Franklin and Wynton Marsalis will appear during the June 28 to July 7 fest.

Just For Laughs will announce its lineup shortly.

The Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival is poised for its April 22 launch, bringing together an international buffet of scribes from 15 countries for an event that is as much about socializing as it is about substance.

"We're just here to entertain people and have people meet new friends," says Gregory McCormick, director of programming for the festival.

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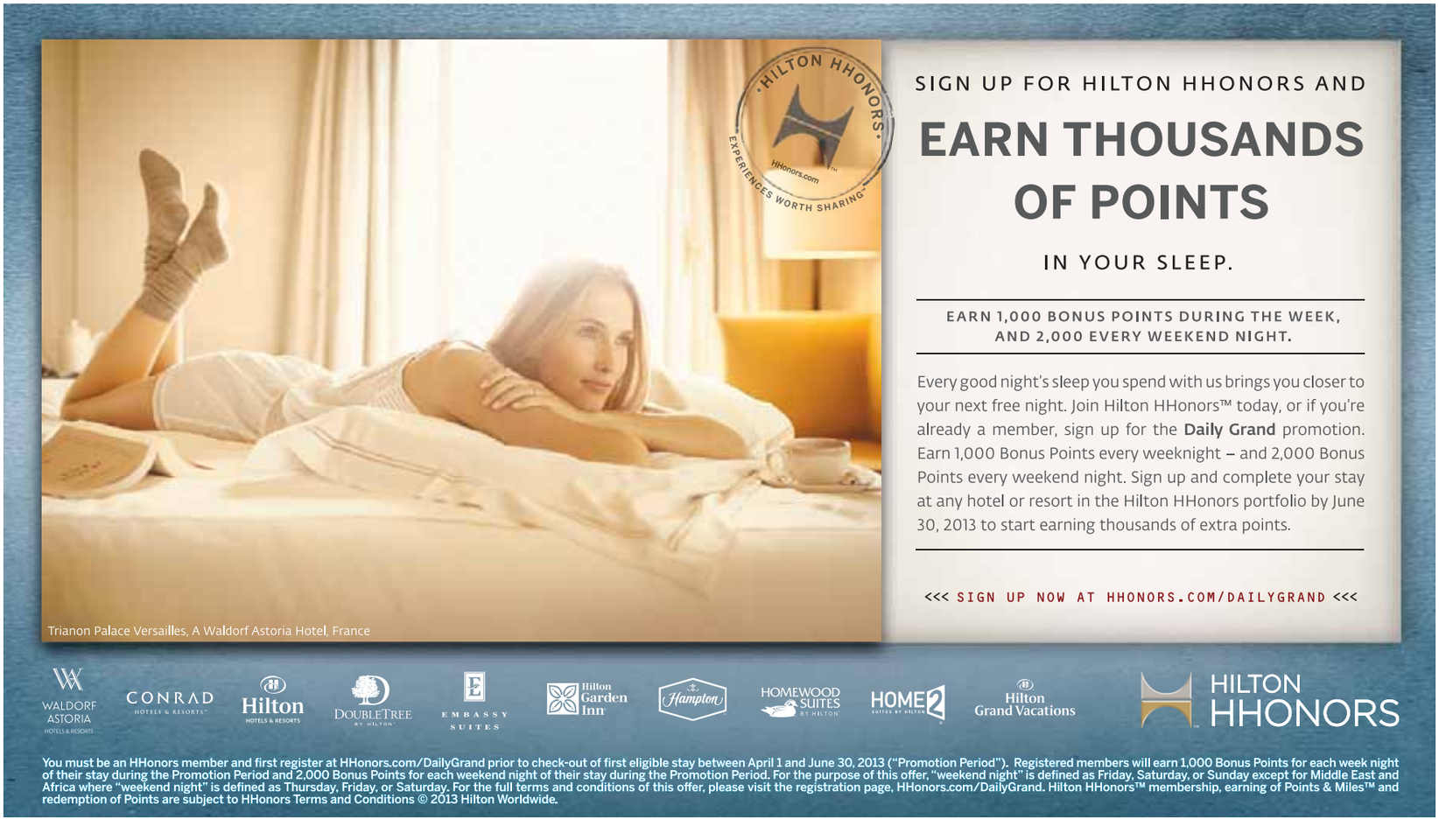
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Custard and pancake textures meet in dessert

This pretty berry-studded dessert is a delicious cross between a custard and a pancake.

It makes a great entertaining option because you can pop it in the oven to bake while the main course is being served.

It also gets top marks as an arthritis fighter: it's low in saturated fat for a dessert, and includes raspberries, which are a great source of fibre, are high in antioxidants and have a low glycemic index

Raspberry Clafoutis

This recipe serves 12. NEWS CANADA

Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 ml) unsweetened frozen raspberries
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) liquid egg substitute
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) 2% milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) granulated sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) melted non-hydrogenated margarine
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- Icing sugar (optional)
- Low fat vanilla yogurt (optional)

1. Preheat your oven to 350 F (180 C).

2. Scatter raspberries in a greased, 11-inch (28 cm) shallow baking dish with fluted edges.

3. Combine eggs, milk, flour, sugar, margarine, vanilla and salt in a blender. Blend, on medium speed, scraping the pitcher once, for 30 seconds or until smooth. (Or, combine all ingredients in a bowl and whisk until smooth.)

4. Pour batter evenly over the raspberries. Bake for 40 minutes or until set.

5. Dust with icing sugar. Slice into wedges and serve warm with a dollop of yogurt.

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Drink of the Week

Cherry Blossom

- .5 oz Luksusowa Cherry
- .5 tsp vanilla syrup*
- Top up champagne
- Garnish: vanilla stick

Shake Luksusowa cherry and vanilla syrup in shaker with ice. Double strain into a chilled champagne flute. Top with cold champagne, garnish and serve.

***Vanilla Syrup**

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

In saucepan, bring sugar and water to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until syrupy, about five minutes. Add vanilla extract. Pour into jar and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks.

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Student Voice

The law of looking within

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I've noticed that a lot of young people in university struggle with finding their right path in life. After all, there are so many doors that you can go through, so many careers and internships out there to try and pursue, and so many different paths that you can take on this exciting journey of young adulthood.

A year ago, due to a few unexpected, major life changes, I found myself in a strange and vulnerable position — for the first time in my life, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do after graduation.

My plans for law school fell through when I came to the realization that I would not be happy in a career that I found uncreative and boring. I was absolutely horrified by the thought that I no longer had a sense of direction in my life. After all, my entire undergraduate degree was planned for the purpose of attending law school.

I knew that it is impossible to navigate through life without a clear sense of direction because the tide will push you farther and farther off track from where you ultimately want to be.

Finally, after receiving some good advice but mostly conflicting opinions, I realized that the only way I could gain clarity was to rely solely on myself… and look within.

What I'm doing now

After I discovered what I truly wanted, and understood what I truly enjoyed doing, I decided to pursue a career in marketing and public relations.

I made a chart of my goals and created a step-by-step outline of the things that I needed to accomplish in order to actualize my goal. I decided to join a club on campus and run for a public relations position in order to gain relevant experience in the public relations field while still in university. I am now a member of AIESEC where I have the chance to gain real world experience while finishing my last semester of university. AIESEC is one of the world's largest student-run organizations that excels in bridging the gap between the classroom and the workplace. As a public relations coordinator in AIESEC, I have the opportunity to connect with media companies on a frequent basis, and have already developed a clear understanding and appreciation of the public relations field. I can proudly say that after several months of confusion and uncertainty, I am now gaining valuable experience that is in complete alignment with my goal.

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Much of my educational background focuses on the study of leadership and it is a course that I teach in the Department of Liberal Studies at Humber College in Toronto.

As an elective, students sign up for various reasons; some say they want to become better leaders and some just didn't want to take the elective on vampires that was offered instead. Regardless of intention, they are there and we have the opportunity to explore different concepts related to leadership.

On the first day of the course, I explain to my students that I can't teach them "leadership" — it's not something that is taught. However, it is something that can be learned. My role is to facilitate an environment where they can take the leadership concepts that we discuss and apply them to their context, regardless of their industry or the program that they are enrolled in.

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We have a discussion about who we identify as leaders, and in each class that I have taught the leaders that are mentioned are positional, political and celebrities.

Through personal and professional development, my goal over the course is for my students to view themselves as leaders and consider the impact that they have and can have. This can occur both inside and outside the classroom through:

- Reading books about leadership
- Having discussions about current events that may be impacting the world or even a piece of your own world
- Watching TED talks, reading biographies and viewing documentaries
- Creating your own story on how you want to make an impact.

Whether it is formally or informally, lifelong learning suggests that we all continue to be shaped by those who are around us and perhaps the most influential is learning from our personal experiences by making meaning out of them.

Consider your paradigms and what experiences have influenced the way that you perceive our world. Take courses outside of your program and industry to experience new processes that can then be used and applied within your own field.

Whether you are in school or have just graduated, electives, week-long intensive courses and workshops can allow you to do so. Approaching situations with an interdisciplinary point of view will not only enrich your contributions, but also your own perspective. It's up to you as to which experiences and situations you'll choose to engage in.

Evolution of ideas

The 'big cheese' change

A teaching moment that I look forward to each semester is at the end of the course when my students are asked to reflect on their experience and say, "I used to think that only people who were in high-level positions were leaders, but now I know that anyone can be a leader."

It is in this moment that I am reminded of the power of experiences and hope that they carry this with them throughout their personal lives and professional careers.

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Bombing prompts security questions

Russian officials gave mixed signals Tuesday over whether they needed to increase security at key sporting events like the World Athletics Championship and the 2014 Winter Olympics after explosions at the Boston Marathon killed three people and wounded more than 170.

The track-and-field championship, which takes place in Moscow from Aug. 10 to 18, is seen as a dress rehearsal for the 2014 Olympic games in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

One top sports official said security was being beefed up but others said Russia's take on Olympic security was already very robust.

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MLB

Yankees hit sweet note in Boston tribute

The New York Yankees paid tribute to victims of the Boston Marathon bombings on Tuesday by playing the Fenway Park favourite Sweet Caroline at Yankee Stadium.

The popular sing-along of the Neil Diamond hit has been featured at Boston Red Sox home games since 2002. The Yankees played the song over the public-address system after the third inning of Tuesday night's 4-2 win against Arizona. Fans sang along, and some wore Red Sox hats and jerseys.

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Blues top Canucks in spirited contest

NHL. Cory Schneider makes 35 saves but Vancouver comes up short in the shootout

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In a typical National Hockey League season, the Stanley Cup playoffs would now be underway.

The lockout pushed the beginning of the post-season back by a few weeks, but Vancouver Canucks fans got a taste of hockey with that fierce playoff feel on Tuesday night.

However, the Canucks managed just a single point against the St. Louis Blues, losing 2-1 in a shootout.

Blues forwards Andy McDonald and Alexander Steen scored the only goals of the skills competition on Canucks goalie Cory Schneider.

Schneider was Vancouver's best player against the Blues. He made 35 saves combined in regulation and overtime.

The Canucks, already without defenceman Chris Tanev, did not have Kevin Bieksa in the lineup, either. He suffered a lower-body injury in Monday's game against Nashville.

Alex Edler scored Vancouver's only goal of the game. It came with 13 seconds remaining in the second period with the Canucks on the power play.

Jay Bouwmeester's first goal as a member of the Blues tied the game just past the midway point of the third period.

While there wasn't much offence to speak of, particularly from the Canucks, there was no lack of animosity.

Ryan Kesler and Blues forward Vladimir Sobotka had an ongoing feud throughout the night. Canucks defenceman Keith Ballard and St. Louis captain David Backes exchanged unpleasantries on numerous occasions.

There's a reason for the dislike. There is a strong possibility the Canucks, current leaders of the Northwest Division and third in the Western Conference, could host the Blues in the first round of the playoffs.

The Blues' Jay Bouwmeester scores past Vancouver Canucks goalie Cory Schneider and Alexander Edler on Tuesday in St. Louis. The Blues won 2-1 in a shootout. JEFF ROBERSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heritage Classic

'Grand plan' for Canucks to play outdoors

A total of six outdoor games are being planned for the 2013-14 National Hockey League season, and one of those, the Heritage Classic, could be on its way to Vancouver, according to a report from TSN hockey insider Darren Dreger.

During Tuesday's edition of Insider Trading on TSN, Dreger reported that a plan is in place to have the Canucks play the Ottawa Senators at BC Place.

As per Dreger and TSN, the Canucks could host the Senators on March 2, following the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. There has been no official announcement from the league.

"Again, they're still ironing out a few of the wrinkles, contracts haven't been signed, but that's the grand plan in the moment," said Dreger.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

Lions' Akpla remembers famous catch

Lions receicer Elvis Akpla during a Philadelphia Eagles pre-season game in August 2012. GETTY IMAGES

Make enough catches over the course of a career and it's hard to remember every single one.

Elvis Akpla, an import receiver who signed as a free agent with the B.C. Lions last Thursday, had 133 receptions during his three-year tenure at Montana State in the Big Sky Conference. He finished with 2,207 yards receiving and he had 18 touchdowns.

Thanks to this digital era we live in, one catch from Akpla's college days will never be forgotten.

Akpla, at the end of an already distinguished senior year, gained instant fame for a remarkable catch in a playoff game against Sam Houston State on Dec. 10, 2011.

Matched up against defensive back Dax Swanson, Akpla jumped into the air, reached behind the head of Swanson, caught the pass, and, as both players were falling to the ground, squeezed the football to his helmet with his right hand for the catch.

The play remains on YouTube for all to see over and over again.

"At the time, when it happened, I didn't realize what I did," said Akpla on Tuesday, as the Lions opened up minicamp at their Surrey facility.

"I went up and jumped for the ball and as I was about to go forward, the ball was the first thing that was going to the ground, so I tried to do whatever I could to keep it from touching the ground."

The catch doesn't resonate with Akpla the way it used to.

"Not as much nowadays just because … I haven't been in the spotlight — put it that way — in awhile," he said.

"Once in awhile, I'll be walking around my hometown and (people will say), 'Are you that guy?' Yeah, no, that was a good catch and I'll probably remember that for the rest of my life."

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Enclave a world-class wagon

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2013 Buick Enclave

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive full-size wagon
- **Engine (hp)**: 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (288)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $43,100

Design

The "waterfall" grille is bigger and its vertical slats are displayed more prominently. Buick's designers reshaped the hood and fenders, added chrome body side trim and installed new high-intensity xenon headlights and LED (Light Emitting Diode) tail lamps. The result is a bolder and more recognizable appearance that's in keeping with the rest of Buick's steadily expanding lineup.

Safety

Along with its Chevrolet and GMC relations, the Enclave arrives standard with a unique front-centre airbag. This inflatable safety device, which deploys from the right-hand side of the driver's seat-back, protects the upper body (head and thorax) regions of both front-seat passengers in the event of a side-impact collision. It will remain extended for a longer period of time, compared to the front and side airbags, in the event of a secondary impact or rollover.

The new centre airbag.

All wheel drive

For all-weather driving conditions, the Enclave can be equipped with all wheel drive (AWD) that constantly monitors road conditions and seamlessly directs torque to the tires with the most traction when slippage is detected. AWD isn't too expensive an option and only slightly increases fuel consumption (13.0 l/100 km in the city and 8.6 highway, versus 12.7/8.4 for front-wheel-drive models).

Review. Buick might have saved its own skin with the Enclave, and also carved out its future

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The only weak areas that really needed updating were the lifeless thin-grip steering wheel and the telematics. The Enclave still has the wheel, but the touchscreen is an improvement.

It looks space-y, but this type of interior ambient night lighting is designed to cut glare while letting you see most switches and controls.

Even with smaller vehicles popping up like ants at a picnic, the full-size Enclave wagon remains Buick's best-selling North American model. And it's likely to stay that way with the arrival of the improved 2013 edition.

The Enclave was introduced for the 2008 model year and has proven a key pillar supporting Buick's rebirth. It shares basic ingredients with the Chevrolet Traverse and GMC Acadia, but a superior level of luxury content places it at the upper end of the affordability scale where it competes with the Acura MDX, Infiniti JX and even the Chevrolet Tahoe. That old-school body-on-frame sport utility vehicle closely approximates the Enclave in size, if not in attitude, but can't touch it for fuel economy and roominess, or for the way it coddles and protects its passengers.

The 2013 Enclave retains all of its inherent strengths, but refines the experience for new and returning customers (four out of 10, says Buick).

Getting under way involves the usual 3.6-litre V6 that puts out 288 horsepower and 270 pound-feet of torque. The six-speed automatic transmission has had its electronic shift mapping updated for smoother operation.

The engine's output is decent, but it needs all of its horses to propel the Enclave's 2,270-kilogram curb weight with any authority and to tow up to 2.045 kilograms of trailer weight.

Also altered is the Enclave's suspension that gets new shocks and springs designed for improved ride and better control over bumps.

Being luxury-focused, the base $43,100 Enclave Convenience model arrives loaded up with tri-zone climate control, backup camera, eight-way-powered driver's seat and two-way-powered passenger seat and a power liftgate.

Clearly the Enclave has withstood the test of time to become a world-class wagon that has assisted in positioning Buick firmly in the upscale driver's seat. Even in a world that's getting noticeably smaller.

By comparison

1 Dodge Durango
Base price: $30,000

2 Acura MDX
Base price: $44,200

3 Infiniti JX35
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Putting the pedal to the metal

Autopilot acceleration. Why accelerating feels so good ...

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The sensation of acceleration is a joyful thing we get from cars. OK, some cars.

Because there are definitely a few that are just not into acceleration in any meaningful way. Consider this exchange from the movie, Horrible Bosses, when the police grill Nick Hendricks:

"You wanna explain why you were doin' 61 in a 25 zone … One block from the victim's house, just moments after he got shot dead?"

"I was drag racing. I'm a drag racer."

"You were drag racing? In a Prius?"

"I don't win a lot."

Whether you do it within or outside of the law, fast acceleration in a car never fails to bring us a jolt of pleasure. It's a similar sensation to a roller coaster ride, skiing, cycling fast down a hill, even sky-diving. Other pleasurable sensations — like listening to good music or savouring good food — are equally complex, but at least it's obvious how they get processed, by ears and taste buds and such.

How does acceleration get noticed by our minds and bodies, and why do we like it when it does?

The Internet people have answers for these questions. I will try to summarize.

Apparently, somewhere deep inside our ears are things called "otoliths." We have two in each ear, one for detecting acceleration in the horizontal plane, and one for detecting acceleration in the vertical plane.

Each otolith consists of a hard bone-like plate attached to a mat of sensory fibres. When our head accelerates, the plate shifts to one side, bending the sensory fibres. Gravity can also tug and shift the plates, bending the sensory fibres as well. This is how the brain gets the signal that the head is either accelerating or falling/rising or both. It's quite good at figuring out the difference, and if nothing is too extreme, we don't even know that it's processing all this information.

But when something changes up fast, or is unexpected and extreme, the brain suddenly becomes uber engaged. This intense mental activity can be frightening but also exciting. We like it.

This ramped-up state is also about an increased focus to help keep us alive during the potentially life-ending moments suggested by all this sudden acceleration. I guess that's why we evolved to have otoliths in the first place — self-preservation.

In addition to all this brain activity, our bodies are trying to reconcile forces that are just plain weird. When you are accelerating in a car, the car seat is essentially pushing you forward, but at the same time you're getting all this push back from the world — driving you back into the seat. It's the crazy nature of how we experience acceleration — from the opposite direction of the actual force accelerating you. In this way, the "skin" is another body organ that senses acceleration, particularly the portion around your butt cheeks.

All good clean fun.

One final safety tip: Though many sources cite "kinesthesioception" as the official term for our ability to sense acceleration, it is still not an acceptable Scrabble world.

The need for speed

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Parts department

WHEELBASE MEDIA

Car-like scooter

Lit Motors of San Francisco, has created what it believes to be the ideal electric commuter vehicle. The C-1 is classed as a motorcycle in the United States, but it's actually a fully enclosed two-wheeled, one-plus-one-occasional-passenger conveyance that employs a pair of gyroscopes to keep it in the upright position when stopped. For power, the 350-kilogram C-1 uses an eight-kilowatt lithium-ion battery pack that can propel it to 60 mph (96 km-h) in less than six seconds and produce a top speed in excess of 100 mph (160 km-h). Orders for the 24,000 US C-1 are now being accepted for delivery in late 2014. For full details go to litmotors.com.

Sporty baby seat

All parents want their wee ones to be safe and comfortable when travelling by car. Recaro claims it has applied its expertise in racing-seat development to create the ProSERIES line. Key features include a quick-pull five-point safety harness, fully adjustable soft-touch head restraint, rear facing recline lever, mesh-type side inserts for air circulation and specific side-impact protection for the head/face, neck, torso and pelvis. You can purchase it in eight different cover materials for $300 US from a number of department and specialty stores such as Toys R Us. For full product info, visit recaro-cs.com.

Home plates

If feeding and entertaining your dinner guests appeals to you, a set of these porcelain City Plates by notNeutral will have them staring at their food and especially what's underneath. The company has imprinted maps of 24 of the world's more significant cities. The collection includes North American venues such as Los Angeles, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Montreal, Mexico City plus other major centres from Dubai to Melbourne, Australia. Single City Plates sell for $50 US, but you can purchase the complete set at the discounted price of $1,080 US. Place your order at notneutral.com.

Golf with Shelby

Here's a must-have for serious golf fanatics who are also huge fans of the legendary auto racer and constructor Carroll Shelby. Your clubs will be snug among its many features, including a 48-volt electric motor, authentic-looking 12-inch (30-centimetre) "knock-off" alloy wheels, working horn, headlights and taillamps, built-in ice chest under the hood, and "Ultra Suede" water-repellent seat coverings. Be prepared to shell out $16,450 US plus delivery charges for the Shelby golf cart. Full detail can be found at carroll-shelbymerchandise.com.

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All of Subaru's 2013 models are considered Top Safety Picks by the U.S. IIHS, including this XV Crosstrek. JIL MCINTOSH/METRO

Your car crumples to save your life

Crashes. Engineers need to balance safety with handling and durability

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In a crash, there is a major difference between an old car and a newer one. The old car is rigid and will stand up to the collision, while the new car will crumple up.

Many people think it's because newer cars are flimsy, but that's not the case. Instead, unlike the old car, it's folding up to help save your life.

"Having a very strong, rigid body throughout means that any impact is transmitted directly into the vehicle and the occupants," says Ted Lalka, vice-president of product planning and marketing for Subaru Canada. "When panels flex and absorb the impact, it reduces the force of the impact to the occupants inside. Essentially, the vehicle is sacrificing itself to protect the occupants."

An auto crash actually involves three separate collisions. The initial one is when the vehicle hits something. The second is when the occupants are thrown around, hitting surfaces and objects inside the car. The third is when their bodies come to a stop, such as when the seat belt tightens, but their internal organs continue their trajectory until they slam into muscle or bones. This can cause serious injury or death.

If the car crushes as it's hit, much of that deadly crash energy is dissipated before it gets to the passenger compartment. The car contains "crumple zones" that progressively scrunch in around the cabin, which must remain sturdy and intact. If the cabin also folds inward, known as intrusion, occupants can be injured.

Automakers use different techniques to achieve this level of safety. "Subaru starts off with a ring-shaped body structure, made of high-tensile steel, which provides strength and protection," Lalka says. "Essentially, it's a roll cage around the entire occupant area. The body panels can then be made out of lighter-weight sheet metal, which weighs less and results in better fuel economy, and the force of the impact is absorbed by these panels.

"The other key is that the door openings must be functional even after a severe crash, so you can get out of the vehicle."

While the front end provides a long, larger area for crumpling, the vehicle's sides, and the abbreviated rear ends on hatchbacks and SUVs, are challenging. Engineers use beams and ring structures that channel the energy to the floor and roof, away from the passenger cabin.

The engineers also have to balance the car's attributes. While it needs to crumple, it can't be too flexible or it won't handle properly, and it has to have enough rigidity that a minor fender-bender won't require major repairs.

Safer than ever

- Although there are more cars on the road than ever before, crash fatality rates have dropped consistently through the years, primarily due to better car design.

A martyr on wheels

"When panels flex and absorb the impact, it reduces the force of the impact to the occupants inside. Essentially, the vehicle is sacrificing itself to protect the occupants."

Ted Lalka, vice-president of product planning and marketing for Subaru Canada
On the benefit of modern cars that absorb the impact of a collision.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Your workload is about to go through the roof but don't worry about it. You have nothing to fear. Somehow, you will find the time and the energy to get everything done that has to be done.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You need to give yourself permission to be yourself. Identify what it is you most want to do in life then go for it with all your physical, mental and emotional might.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Family matters will be in your mind today and there may be some kind of drama you have to resolve. Don't worry, you will cope with ease. Loved ones will respect your decisions, but first you've got to make them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you feel like letting your hair down and doing something out of the ordinary then go right ahead. Who cares about the cost? Life is for living and loving and laughing.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Before you start work on a new enterprise, make sure the foundations you've put in place are solid. You are going to be doing a lot of building over the next few weeks. You don't want to risk it all falling down.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No challenge is too big for you. The next four weeks are going to be special, very special. How do you make the most of them? Just be yourself. You're special after all.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be tempted to ignore the world but is that really the best thing to do? Whatever it is that has put you in such a bad mood, don't let it win. Come out fighting today.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
There comes a time when, no matter how good you are at working on your own, you must join forces with others. The planets indicate it's time to get involved in a project that involves hundreds of people.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to slow down and ask yourself what it is you are trying to achieve. The time is right to move on and maybe move up. But first, convince yourself it's what you want.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do you feel trapped and unable to break out of a rut? The planets suggest you will soon be on the move again, and once you get going, you'll soon reach top speed.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are worrying about something that does not need worrying about. Once you realize that, you will be able to break out of the cycle of despair that currently holds you. Believe in yourself.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will get the opportunity over the next few days to build bridges to people you respect but who, for some reason, you are not as close to as you once were. Don't let this chance go.

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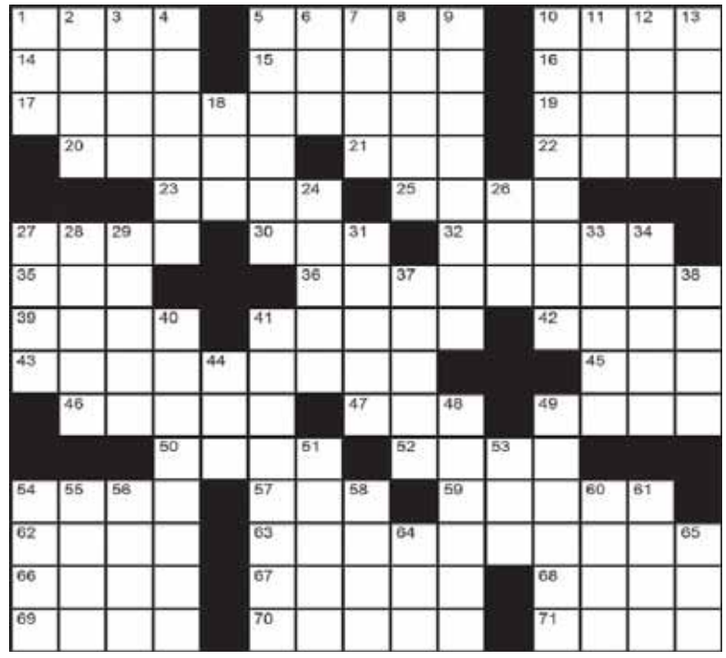
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



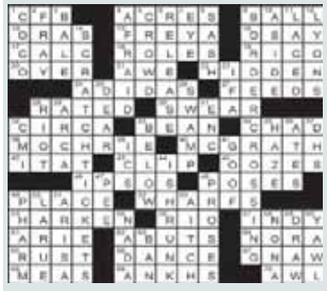
Across

1. Pre-game ritual, Coin __
5. Showbiz legend Ms. Channing
10. Excellent, slang-style
14. Purpose
15. Brightly-coloured lizard
16. Bathroom's door hook garment
17. Rock star's transport: 2 wds.
19. Earthen stewing pot
20. Like the empty wallet's money
21. Back then
22. Reuben requirements
23. Rock 'n' __
25. Prefix to 'matic'
27. The basics in early learning
30. 30th, sometimes, as per calendars [acronym]
32. "Understood."
35. Victoria's Secret item
36. Western city
39. __ lettuce
41. Place atop: 2 wds.
42. Comfort
43. Mark Burnett's realm as a producer: 2 wds.
45. Chip __
46. Prefix to 'ide' (Cavities fighter)
47. But, to Brutus
49. Actors Mr. Olin and Mr. Watanabe
50. Times
52. The Dalai __
54. Topic, for short
57. 'Verd' add-on (Jury's finding)
59. Gloria Swanson role, __ Desmond
62. Legal bargaining
63. Jacques Plante contribution to hockey: 2 wds.
66. Greenly admire
67. Aches
68. Region
69. Manners
70. Garbage
71. Off the dragon

Down

1. Recipe measurement, for short
2. Canoe implements
3. Jump rope
4. Cuts ties
5. Ranch sight
6. 'Pass' suffix
7. Aristocrat of India
8. __-3 fatty acids
9. CN Tower, English = __ __ _ _, French
10. Postpone, as Parliament
11. Hallowed
12. Willing's partner
13. Red Rose products
18. "I'd like to buy __ _'." ...said the "Wheel of Fortune" contestant
24. Thurston Howell III's wife
26. Also
27. For short, for short
28. "The Pelican __" (1993)
29. Secretly conspiring group
31. Mr. Damon's
33. Duck
34. Amber, for example
37. Author's creation
38. Agents for performers, for short
40. Canada's only MLB team: 2 wds.
41. Bryan Adams song: "__ from the Heart"
44. 'Super' suffix
48. Pastry
49. Destinies
51. Cleanse thoroughly
53. Canadian singer/songwriter Mr. Berg
54. Let stuff fly
55. Common skeleton part
56. Bunch
58. Scarlett's home
60. Crumbly soil
61. On the briny
64. Some officers, for short
65. Steppenwolf lead singer, John __

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

1			3	8	7			6
					9	7		
	7	5	4			9		
8	6		1		3	5		7
4								2
5		7	2		4		3	8
		6			8	3	2	
		1	7					
2			5	1	6			9

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	2	6	4	7	3	1	9	5
9	4	3	5	6	1	7	2	8
1	5	7	2	8	9	6	3	4
3	9	2	8	1	6	5	4	7
5	6	8	7	9	4	3	1	2
4	7	1	3	2	5	9	8	6
2	8	9	1	5	7	4	6	3
7	1	4	6	3	2	8	5	9
6	3	5	9	4	8	2	7	1

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HWY: 5.2L/100 KM
CITY: 7.1L/100 KM▼

Tech. model shown

2012 BEST NEW DESIGN
2012 BEST NEW SPORTS/PERFORMANCE CAR (UNDER 50K)

2013 VELOSTER

FEATURES INCLUDE: • AIR CONDITIONING • 7" LCD SCREEN WITH REARVIEW CAMERA • BLUETOOTH® HANDS FREE PHONE SYSTEM • 17" ALLOY WHEELS • iPOD®/USB/AUXILIARY INPUT JACKS

OWN IT $125 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT | WITH 1.99%† FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS + SAVE 30¢/L UNTIL 2014* | AND $0 DOWN PAYMENT | SELLING PRICE: $21,194♦ VELOSTER 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

HWY: 5.3L/100 KM
CITY: 7.5L/100 KM▼

Limited model shown

2013 CANADIAN UTILITY VEHICLE OF THE YEAR

2013 SANTA FE

FEATURES INCLUDE: • SIRIUS XM RADIO WITH BLUETOOTH® HANDS FREE PHONE SYSTEM • HEATED FRONT SEATS • FOG LIGHTS • ACTIVE ECO SYSTEM

OWN IT $167 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT | WITH 1.99%† FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS + SAVE 35¢/L UNTIL 2014* | AND $0 DOWN PAYMENT | SELLING PRICE: $28,259♦ SANTA FE 2.4L FWD AUTO. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

HWY: 6.7L/100 KM
CITY: 10.1L/100 KM▼

5 YEAR WARRANTY

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty††
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Emission Warranty

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Cost of Borrowing is $0. Example price includes Delivery and Destination of $1,495. Registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, charges, license fees and all applicable taxes are excluded. Delivery and destination charge includes freight, P.D.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. ▼Fuel consumption for 2013 Accent 4 Door L 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.1L/100KM)/Elantra Sedan L 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.2L/100KM; City 7.1L/100KM)/Veloster 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.5L/100KM) /Santa Fe 2.4L FWD Auto (HWY 6.7L/100KM, City 10.1L/100KM) are based on Energuide. Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. ♦Price of models shown 2013 Accent 4 Door GLS Auto/ Elantra Limited/Veloster Tech 6-speed MT/Santa Fe 2.0T Limited AWD is $20,094/$24,794/$24,694/$40,259. Prices include Delivery and Destination charges of $1,495/$1,495/$1,495/$1,760. Registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, charges, license fees and all applicable taxes are excluded. Delivery and destination charge includes freight, P.D.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. ΩPrice adjustments of up to $500 available on 2013 Elantra Sedan. Price adjustments applied before taxes. Offer cannot be combined or used in conjunction with any other available offers. Offer is non-transferable and cannot be assigned. No vehicle trade-in required. *Purchase, finance or lease an in-stock 2013 Accent/Elantra/Elantra Coupe/Elantra GT/Veloster/Genesis Coupe/Sonata/Sonata HEV/Santa Fe Sport/Santa Fe XL/Tucson/2012 Sonata HEV during the Double Savings Event and you will receive one $0.99 per litre Esso Price Privileges Fuel Card (including applicable taxes). The $0.99 per litre Esso Price Privileges Card is issued by Esso and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Esso Price Privileges Fuel Card agreement. Customers in the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island (collectively, "Atlantic Provinces") and Quebec will receive a maximum benefit of $0.55 per litre in the event that gas prices increase above $1.54 during the card activation period. Customers in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba will receive a maximum benefit of $0.50 per litre in the event that gas prices increase above $1.49 during the card activation period. Customers in the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Manitoba and Ontario will receive a minimum discount of $0.30 per litre in the event that gas prices decrease below $1.29 per litre in these provinces. All Fuel Cards expire on December 31st, 2013. Fuel cards are valid only at participating Esso retail locations (excluding the province of British Columbia) and are not redeemable for cash. Fuel Cards cannot be used in the province of British Columbia. Fuel Cards can only be used on Regular, Extra and Premium motor vehicle grade fuel purchases only. Price with Fuel Card of $0.99 per litre applies to Regular grade fuel only. Price with Fuel Card on Extra and Premium grade fuels are $1.12 and $1.18 per litre, respectively. Price Privileges Card must be used in combination with another form of payment accepted at Esso stations in Canada (excluding British Columbia) and is redeemable in-store only. Only one Price Privileges Card can be used per transaction. Based on Energuide combined fuel consumption rating for the 2013 Accent Auto (6.3L/100km)/Elantra Auto (6.3L/100km)/Elantra Coupe Auto (6.6L/100km)/Elantra GT Auto (6.6L/100km)/Veloster 1.6L Auto (6.3L/100km)/Genesis Coupe 2.0L Auto (8.6L/100km)/Sonata 2.4L Auto (7.3L/100km)/Sonata HEV Auto (5.2L/100km)/Tucson 2.0L Auto (8.2L/100km)/Santa Fe Sport 2.4L FWD Auto (8.6L/100km)/2012 Sonata HEV Auto (5.3L/100km) and the combined fuel consumption rating for the 2013 Santa Fe XL 3.3L FWD (9.9L/100km) as determined by the Manufacturer as shown on www.hyundaicanada.com at 15,400km/year which is the yearly average driving distance as referenced by Transport Canada's Provincial Light Vehicle Fleet Statistics, 2011, minus one full tank of fuel provided at the time of delivery of 2013 Accent (43L), Elantra (48L), Elantra Coupe (50L), Elantra GT (50L), Veloster (50L), Genesis Coupe (65L), Sonata (70L), Sonata HEV (65L), Tucson (58L), Santa Fe Sport (66L), Santa Fe XL (71L), 2012 Sonata HEV (65L), this is equivalent to $0.99 per litre gas up to a total of 725 Litres (2013 Accent/Elantra/Elantra Coupe/Elantra GT/Veloster), 800 Litres (2013 Sonata/2013 Sonata HEV/2012 Sonata HEV) and 1,000 Litres (2013 Genesis Coupe/Tucson/Santa Fe Sport/Santa Fe XL). Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. †Ω*♦Offers available for a limited time, and subject to change or cancellation without notice. See dealer for complete details. Dealer may sell for less. Inventory is limited, dealer order may be required. ††Hyundai's Comprehensive Limited Warranty coverage covers most vehicle components against defects in workmanship under normal use and maintenance conditions.

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